

QUARTERLY REPORT

Program Name: Integrated WASH and Livelihood Response in Hajjah

Country: Yemen

Agreement Number: AID-OFDA-G-14-00138

OVERVIEW

CARE is implementing the Integrated WASH and Livelihoods Response Project in Hajjah Governorate with the main objective of addressing the basic life-saving needs and improving the living conditions of displaced populations and host communities through WASH and livelihoods support. In addition, the project supports the targeted beneficiaries with livestock support through the provision of animal feed and water.

This report highlights the activities implemented by this project from April 1 to June 30, 2015. This reporting period has been challenging in terms of implementation of planned activities due to the airstrikes from the Saudi-led coalition; increasing security threats/risks; and severe shortage of fuel, which eventually led to restriction of access to project sites. The heavy and continuous airstrikes especially in Haradh and Midi districts have disrupted project activities and the project has been forced to stop activities in the mentioned districts and reprogrammed the activities in other districts, with the donor being alerted to that effect. Meanwhile, the project has relied upon remote management in non-accessible areas in Haradh and Midi districts whereby monitoring of project activities has been carried out by community committees and volunteers with support from the project team in Aslam, and Khairan districts.

Despite these challenges, various activities have been conducted during the reporting period. These include distribution of green fodders for 760 HHs; the first-phase distribution of concentrated fodder for 760 HHs; signature of agreement for rehabilitation of 8 water systems; and the implementation of 97 hygiene promotion sessions and visits to 825 HH to disseminate hygiene-related messages.

SECTOR 1: WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Objective: Rehabilitate/upgrade existing water systems and storage facility, create sanitation infrastructure and promote hygiene among vulnerable IDPs and host communities, particularly women, girls and boys.

Subsector 1 name: Water Supply Infrastructure

Although the tendering process and bid analysis to construct/rehabilitate the 10 water sources was finalized during the previous quarter, the winning contractor has declined the offer due to the worsening security situation and high escalation of prices. This has forced the project to conduct the re-tendering and bid analysis process. The project has completed the bid process for the rehabilitation of 8 water sources (excluding Haradh and Midi water sources due to the worsening conflict and inaccessibility in the area) and the contract has been signed with the contractor. The rehabilitation of the water systems will begin in early July 2015 and, upon completion, it is expected that the water points will benefit 11,346 individuals. Meanwhile, using the budget from the construction of water sources in Midi district, CARE requested a re-programming to conduct WASH activities in the other districts. However, at the time of writing this report, a response has not been received.

Subsector 2 name: Hygiene Promotion

With the aim of enhancing the awareness and understanding of beneficiary communities on basic/key hygiene and sanitation practices and thereby reducing the incidence of WASH related diseases, the project team has conducted various hygiene promotion activities. 825 visits were carried out by volunteers to the targeted 615 HHs in Aslam, Bani-qais, and Khairan districts, reaching a total of 3674 individuals (1784 males and 1890 females) so as to disseminate messages on key hygiene and sanitation practices. In addition 97 hygiene promotion campaigns were carried out in Aslam, Bani-qais, and Khairan districts and a total of 1636 individuals (776 males and 860 females) participated in the campaigns. The messages covered in the house visits and awareness campaigns include hand washing, maintaining personal hygiene, water treatment, proper water storage, maintaining a clean house, keeping clean environment, and disposing of solid wastes.

SECTOR 2: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY (AG&FS)

Objective: *Support IDPs and vulnerable host communities in household food security through support to livestock*

Subsector 1 name: Livestock

Distribution of concentrated fodder: The project has conducted the first round distribution of concentrated fodder (170kg/beneficiary) and a total of 4294 individuals (760HHs) and 4560 livestock benefited from the intervention. The second round distribution will take place in July 2015. Nevertheless, the project is proposing not to conduct the second round of concentrated feed distribution in Haradh district for 228 HHs due to the heavy and continuous airstrikes in the area that restricted access and high displacement of population from Haradh district to other neighbouring areas, mainly to Bani-qais district. Therefore, it is planned to select another 228 beneficiary HHs from Baniqais district and conduct the distribution of concentrated fodder as well as provision of training there.

Training on livestock management: The project has conducted a 2 days training for 760 individuals (72 females) on livestock management and preparation of concentrated livestock feed. The training has covered different topics on animal husbandry including livestock feeding and animal health. The trainees have expressed their satisfaction with the training as it has increased their knowledge and understanding regarding preparation/feeding of concentrated feed and on livestock husbandry.

Distribution of troughs and green fodders: The project has distributed 760 troughs (for feeding animals) and green fodders (that weighs 125kg/beneficiary) for 760 HHs. The following table shows the sex and age disaggregated data regarding the distribution of livestock fodder:

Above 19				Group 6-18				child 0-5				Sex				Type of Households	
HC		IDP		HC		IDP		HC		IDP		Female		male		HC	IDP
F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	HC	IDP	HC	IDP	HC	IDP
762	778	83	85	588	688	109	78	514	484	69	56	1855	257	1959	223	683	76
4294												4294				760	

CHALLENGES FACED

Deteriorated security situation

The security situation is still precarious and the intensification of the Saudi-led airstrikes is causing death, injury, and displacement of people in addition to severe damage on infrastructure. Hajjah is one of the most targeted governorates by a Saudi-led coalition airstrike on several occasions including the killing of at least 45 IDPs in an airstrike in Al-Mazraq IDPs camp. In addition, five migrants from the Horn of Africa were killed and two others injured in an airstrike that hit two farms adjacent to a humanitarian facility in Haradh district on 21 April 2015. Hajjah governorate also accommodated a huge number of displaced families from Sana'a and Sa'ada governorates. These have worsened the humanitarian situation in Hajjah and escalating humanitarian needs due to a high number of displaced people. This is increasing the strain on the local communities and host families' safety nets, already strained from years of instability and localized conflict, are also stretched.

Implementation of project activities has also been affected by the deteriorated security condition in the project operational areas. The airstrike is still continued in two districts (i.e. Haradh and Midi districts), which has restricted access to these districts by the project team. This has disrupted project activities such as construction of water sources in Midi district and distribution of second round fodder distribution and rehabilitation of water sources in Haradh district. Therefore, the project is planning to shift the second round feed distribution to Bani-qais district where there is high displacement of people from Haradh district and high demand for livestock feed. In addition, the project is planning for re-programming to conduct WASH activities in the other districts using the budget from the construction of water sources in Midi district.

Shortage of fuel

The severe shortage of fuel even in the black market is highly affecting project activities through restriction of field visit and monitoring. To mitigate this problem, the project has been purchasing fuel from the black market that has increased the budget for fuel as well as travel.

Delivering of project materials

Due to the escalation of the Saudi attack and shortage of fuel, vendors at the local level are facing critical challenges in delivering project materials to the project areas such as concentrated fodders.

MONITORING TRACKING TABLE

Award level and sector level beneficiaries reached this quarter:

AWARD LEVEL <i>(does not include repeat beneficiaries)</i>	Total number of beneficiaries (incl. IDP)	IDP Beneficiaries (only)
Reporting Period Reached	9604	647
Cumulative Reached	12752	647

SECTOR 1: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	Total number of beneficiaries (incl. IDP)	IDP Beneficiaries (only)
Reporting Period Reached	5310	167
Cumulative Reached	8458	167

SECTOR 2: Agriculture and Food Security (Ag&FS)	Total number of beneficiaries (incl. IDP)	IDP Beneficiaries (only)
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Reporting Period Reached	4294	480
Cumulative Reached	4294	480

Indicator	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative	% of target met	Comments
Sector Name: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)								
Subsector 1 Name: Water Supply Infrastructure								
Number of people directly benefitting from this water supply infrastructure program	11,669	0		0	0	0	0	
Number of water points (dug-wells, etc.) rehabilitated	10	0		0	0	0	0	Contract is signed to carry out rehabilitation work for 8 water systems
Subsector 2 Name: Hygiene Promotion								
Number of people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double counting)	11,340			3148	5310	8458	74.6	House to house hygiene promotion, campaigns and follow up
Number of people receiving hygiene kits	4,305			3148	0	3148	73.1	Distribution has been completed
Number of people receiving awareness/training on water point maintenance	63 (27 men and 36 women)	103		0	0	103	100	
Sector Name: Agriculture and Food Security (Ag&FS)								
Subsector Name: Livestock								
Number of animals benefiting from livestock support activities	4,560				4560	4560	100	First phase distribution was completed
Number of people benefiting from livestock activities, disaggregated by sex	5,320				4294	4294	80.7	First phase distribution was completed
Number of people benefiting from livestock care information/awareness activities	2,280	0			760	760	33.3	

MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT PERIOD

The following activities are planned for the next reporting period:

- Completion of rehabilitation of the water systems.
- Distribution of hygiene and dignity kits from the reprogrammed activities
- Distribution of second phase concentrated fodders for the targeted 760HHs
- Training of the new 228 beneficiaries selected for distribution of livestock feed on preparation of concentrated fodders and proper/improved practices of livestock health, production, and management

PICTURES

Bani Qais district – Abu Rukba village- Hygiene promotion visit 25.06.2015



Bani Qais district – Bani Amer village – livestock training 14th April 2015

